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A MATHEMATICAL GIFT.

PECULIAR ARITHMETICAL POWERS OF AN ILLITERATE MAN.

Enbe Field, of Hazel Hill, Mo., Who Can Neither Read Nor Write, Does Some Wonderful Sums-His Calculations Are

Although the public has heard something of Rube Field, the mathematical prodigy of Hazel Hill, what has been said and written of him has generally had been said. and written of him has generally been guessed at. He is the mathematical wonder of the world, as regards calculations. Rube is as illiterate as a savage and can instantly solve any mathematical prob-lem. He would not recognize his name if it were placed before him in type three feet high, nor can be tell a figure seven from a cipher, yet he can tell how many grains of wheat piled upon each other would reach the sun if you gave him the distance from the earth to the sun. Such a problem he considers quite simple and will announce the answers by the time you have con-

Rube is not easily engaged in conversa tion, and there is not a person in the world to whom he would confide his secrets. No more to his mother than to you. He be-lieves that all mankind is in league to take from him his gift, or, as he puts it, his "mystery." He regards every man in the same way, and that ungovernable fear will no doubt keep him out of sight of the pub-

lic, as it has for the last twenty years.

Though he is mercenary to a degree in
his dealings, he does not seem to possess
any special desire for riches, but rather evinces the desire to see "fools," as he calls the human family, put to some expense on his account. It makes him feel big to have men hire him to be interviewed, and yet he will not make a public exhibition of himself, another evidence of his unusual composition.

He cannot tell how he manipulates figures and computes numerals as with a thought, and his inability to explain bothers him least of all who are aware of the fact. He says he is aware if he could write an arithmetic with his system of calculation as a basis he "could make more money than ten railroads," but he can't do it and esn't care anything about it. He is satissled with his lot and has great plans for the future. It is his belief that he came into this world to herald to men that beyond their vision of the science of num-bers lies the key to all the mysteries of life. The great work he is to do upon earth has not been outlined to him by the Omniscient, but will be.

A FEW INTRICATE SUMS. Taking him unawares, I asked: "Can you add 26,896,433 to 1,938,548 to 89,598,634,138 to 1,846,033,001 to 14,374 with-

out stopping to figure?" "That makes 71,473,496,494," said he on the instant, and then he laughed at my

As I called the numbers to him he added them, having the aggregate of the first two before I had finished the third, and of the whole while I caught my breath after enumerating them. Then I read him a column of figures ranging from tens to hundreds of thousands, the length of a sheet of legal cap, and he had furnished me an accurate aggregate the moment I fin-lahed.

Such an evidence of unexplained power will astonish the most credulous, but what must one think when such a character says that he is a living, walking, chronometer, and proves the same before you can dispute it. He mistrusts all men, and a financial consideration, together with the inducements of acquaintances, is neceseary to set his tongue going, which done, he keeps you busy listening, for he talks like a torrent rushes, swears with the fury of a cyclone and calculates with the rapidity of electric pulsations. I employed him to be interviewed for one hour, and desiring to test him as to his knowledge of time without giving him an opportunity

"What is the time now, professor?" (He delights to be called "professor.") Twenty-five and one-quarter minutes he replied. I reached for my watch to see if he was right, and before I

could see he said, "Your watch is one and one-quarter fast. "How do you know?" I asked.

"I can't tell you, but I am right," he said. And so he was, as the Western Union regulator proved. I then concluded test him further, and resolved that I would say nothing of it when his hour was ended and note if he knew it. Imagine my surprise, when in the middle of a problem stopped me and announced that his time was up. Consulting my watch I found him right to a second

EXAMPLES OF REMARKABLE SIGHT. Previous to that I had asked him the time in St. Petersburg and he stated it correctly, saying that he was conscious of the degrees of longitude and latitude in all his calculations of time. He knows their location and can answer any question of time whenever asked. Often he has been aroused from sound sleep, and upon being asked the time would state it accurately while rubbing his eyes.

Reading the dial plate of a clock in Ber lin, he says, is no more trouble to him than of the watch in my pecket, and in this he brings proof of the assertion that he is conscious of every correct clock tick in the world, whether sleeping or awake. You may take him by surprise, and after stating that the distance from Kansas City to New York and the dimensions of a locomotive drive wheel, allowed a stated loss for slipping of the wheel in each mile traveled, and he will instantly tell you how many revolutions the wheel will make in traveling that distance.

His memory is almost as remarkable as his calculating genius. Having heard any statement he will remember it, and, though he may not understand words Le hears, he will use them in the same or a similar sense to that in which they were used when he heard them. By this means he has a vocabulary far in advance of other

Speaking of his youth he said he remembered no change, so far as his knowledge of things is concerned, since his seventh year, at which time he came into possession of his "mystery." He is not fond of his relatives, who, he believes, would make a fortune at his expense if he were not so smart as to prevent it. They used to call him a fool, and he hasn't forgiven them for that .- Kansas City Times.

Makes a Street Cheerful. The lighted vestibules with open front floors along several Philadelphia streets, notably some squares of Spruce street, an s generous contribution to the life of the neighborhood. The hall lanterns show the securely closed inner door, but the hospitable open portals of the outer door entire the streets and give an atmosphere of home comfo t reaching out to the side walks, which are greatly brightened by the intely adopted style-

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Custoria.

Amusing Attempts of Many People to Tell What It Is. Some time ago London Tit-Bits offered a two guines prize for the best definition of a kiss. Seven thousand answers were received. The prize was awarded to Benja-min J. Green wood, of Tulse Hill, London, whose definition is herewith framed:

An insipid and tasteless morsel, which becomes delicious and delectable in proportion as it is flavored with love.

The following is a selection from some of the best definitions submitted:

it grows. A thing of use to no one, but much prized by two. The baby's right, the lover's privilege,

the parent's benison and the hypocrite's That which you cannot give without taking, and cannot take without giving.

The acme of agony to a bashful man. The only known "smack" that will calm

A telegram to the heart, in which the operator uses the "sounding" system. Nothing divided between two. A rock in the sea of life, on which the good ship Bachelor was wrecked.

A kiss from a pretty girl is like having hot treacle poured down your back by The thunderclap of the lips, which inevitably follows the lightning glance of

A report at headquarters. anatomical juxtaposition of two orbicularis oris muscles in a state of con-

When lips of lovers meet in bliss The pleasing act is termed a "kiss;" But when the pair have wed each other The vapid thing is called a "bother." The sweetest labial of the world's lan-

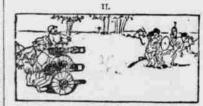
The sounding line used by a woman to fathom the depths of man's weakness. An article that is always accepted, and (im)printed, but not always published. The only gift a generous lover likes to

get back sgain. The lover's privilege and the pug dog's Contraction of the mouth due to enlargement of the beart.

Hostile Demonstrations.

That in which two heads are better than







-From the German.

Shots from Many Lockers. The man who wants the earth is satisfied secures the dust.-Pittsburg Dispatch. I know a bank whereon a wild time grows. There is a run on it.-Lowell

The man who makes a bad break ought not to be employed on a railroad train.-New Orleans Picayune. The farmer who closely packs his load

of wood is sure to strike the popular chord. -Lowell Courier. The theatrical mechanic is not quarrel-

some, but he often finds it necessary to raise a scene. - Dramatic News. "That was the stroke of a master hand." said the boy when the school teacher pun-

Ished him -Washington Star "What would you do if you were in my shoes, Jepuson?" asked Hobbs, "Black 'em," replied Jephson.—Somerville Jour-

Why is it said that the doctor pays visits. when every one knows that it is the visits which pay the doctor?-Baltimore Ameri-

Whether or not a cheap coat makes a cheap man, there is no question that a sealskin sack becomes a dear girl,—Philadelphia Times.

We do not wish to be severe upon team-

sters as a class, but we are forced to the conclusion that they seldom turn out well, -Boston Transcript There is only one person more interest

ing than the man with a fund of stories, and he is the fellow that prevents them from being told.—Eimira Gazette.
"Do you think those shoes are worth mending?" "Vell, yes, if I sole and heel

tem and put new uppers on tem. The strings are still goot."-Leather Dealer. "How astonishing that your parrot can remember such long words." "Not at all. It is quite natural for a parrot to use words of pollysyllables."-Baltimore American.

Just the Same.

He had a hatbox in one hand and an umbrells in the other and was making good time down Chambers street in the rain when he struck something soft, took a slide and brought up in a heap on the walk. A man who was closely following him came to a halt to juquire:

"Strike a banana peel?" "I-I think it was a peach skin," replied the other, as he sought to get his legs un-

"Oh! It was? I see. Answers the pur pose just the same however." And he passed on and left the other sitting help-less in a pool of water.—New York Evening World.

"Mamma," sald Chippy Oldblock, looking up from the newspaper that he was slowly spelling out, "I should like to be Annie L. Jorkins' little boy." "What makes you say that, dear?" asked Mrs. Oldblock. She had tried hard to do her duty by him, and it grieved her to think that his affections should go out to some one else. "Why, you see, this paper says that the Annie L. Jorkins has just come into port with her spanker gone."

eadet, immaculate in his handsome uniform and happy in doing the honors of the | was conspicuous in the Grange m piace. I-well, I was looking rather nice and has been prominent in the Knights of myself, and as we had just met, I was Labor, Farmers' Alliance and People's smiling my most dazzling smiles for his party. He and Mr. Powderly are warm

He was speaking of the beauty of one of

did attract me!"-New York World.

THE WIND TO THE WHITE ROSE Low murmurs the wind in this vernal hour, The voice of the wind to the heart of the flow-

"I wander afar o'er wave and lea, And numberless blossoms unfold for me "Vivid in color or wan and frail,

From scarlet poppy to bridal veil. "Yet every summer, o'er land and sea, I fly, white rose of the south, to theel "Long have I wooed thee, with passion's pain

"Through pouting petal and willful thora Render sweet hope but a thing forlorn, "And the cloistral calm of your virgin breast Has filled my heart with a wild unrest!"

-Willian H. Hayne in Frank Leslie's.

SOME NEW CONGRESSMEN

MR. GRAVES WRITES OF MEMBERS FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

Jerry Simpson, B. H. Clover, John Davis, John G. Otis, Eli T. Stackhouse. L. F. Livingston, John C. Kyle and Several Others.

[Special Correspondence.] WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.-Let me tell you something about a number of new congressmen from the rural districts. It is no disgrace to a congressman to come from reputations in the senate and house came originally from the farm. Just why the country districts should produce more genuine statesmen than the cities is a thing which I cannot understand. Possibly it is because the bright and ambitious men of the centers of population are more drawn off into trade, the professions, speculations and money making in general than their brothers of the back counties.

Probably the most distinguished farmer member of the next house is Jerry Simpson. He is so well known that I need no say much about



him. I know Jer ry very well, and can tell you he is shrewd enough to take care of himself. He sat in my office one day for two hours talking politics, agriculture and finance, and I discovered that he knew a heap and doesn't believe

everything has says. He made no JERRY SIMPSON. bones about telling me that when the sockless story was started on him he deter the rights of mined to make the most of it. "Twasn't a true story, but that made no difference. In sixty days it transformed him from an obscure atom of humanity into one of the best known and most widely talked about men in America. Probably this is the only country in the world in which such a some years a trivial thing as an alleged absence of stockings could make a man famous and pave the way for a career of distinction.

Who can blame Jerry for making the most of the good luck which thus came to him by mere accident? There is a good deal in the man

except his reported tendency to go about in bare feet. He is as keen as a hands are as soft as a woman's, and I doubt if he has done much farm work for several years. The fact is, I am told, he is a pretty prosperous citizen.

been farming in Kansas fourteen years and growing poorer every year, and when I wondered how he had managed to keep out of the receiver naged to keep out of the poor

since he started in Kansas with nothing out an old horse, a cook stove and a bed, Jerry looked at me over his gold rimmed spectacles and smiled. The sharp, shrewd "Sockless" Simpson 12,000 in his conwill be worth keeping an eye on in congress next winter. Since his election to congress, a little more than a year ago, Simpson is said to have received more than 300 pairs of socks from sympathetic and admiring friends, and he has now on hand

enough stockings to last him the remainder of his days. A fact not generally known is that for many year. Jerry Simpson was a sailor. Mrs. Simpson is a comely little woman, who likes a simple life, and who frankly says she wishes Jerry would give up politics and go back to the farm.

Kansas sends us a delegation of farmers. Among them is one who will certainly be counted one of the handsomest men in the



new house. I refer to Hon. B. H. Clover. A very good name, surely, for a farmer who has been elected to a \$5,000 a year job, with hopes of continuance. Clover looks more like a dashing board of trade man or lawyer than like a meek and lowly follower of the all conquer-

JOHN DAVIS. ing plow. He went down to the Florida farmers' convention last year, and had his pocket picked while on the cars. When Jerry Simpson heard of this he exclaimed: "Well, they won't wallet. I carry it in my sock." An old man from Kansas, whose earnestness and learning will be sure to attract attention in congress is John Davis. He is three score and five, a native of Illinois, and married a sister of Major Powell, director of the United States go survey. Another brother of Mrs. Davis' is

superintendent of schools in this city Congressman Davis is a man who has not lived in vain. He has been fifty-seven years a practical farmer, and made enough money at it to enable him to buy a perous newspaper. Mr. and Mrs. Davis

ily of six sons and three daughters, now all grown up and self supporting. The sons are cators or in scientilic work, and the daughters are married to ciercymen and business men. One is superintendent of erintendent of

drawing and Encouraging.

It was at West Point. He was a young public schools of Miss Frances Willard's town, Evanston, Ills. The congressman

Forty years ago Mr. Davis began an agithe summer girls. "I consider her the tation for government endowment of an prettiest girl I ever saw," said he enthus! agricultural college or industrial universi-Then, probably thinking me ty in each state of the Union, and after much hurt, he turned and added encour- twelve years of unremitting effort his laasstrumental in the establishment of pub-lic county libraries in Kansas, and has a But then, you know, mere beauty never strumental in the establishment of pub-

plan for mortgage lifting which he will 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 probably bring up in congress. An inter-esting old man, is he not? He has a face TUTT'S and an expression not unlike those of a famous man who once lived in Kansas, These Kansas farmer congressmen are

preity strong lot of men. Here is John G. Otis, of Topeka. His bald head indicates much thought, his eyes are those of the enthusiast, bis jaw shows stub-bornness and courage. I don't believe it worth any one's while to sneer at these hayseed statesmen. It is better to wait

and see what they E. T. STACKHOUSE, have to do and say, A fipe old gentleman farmer is Mr. Eli T. Stackhouse, who comes to the house from South Carolina. He comes of Quaker stock, and his plantation, "Forest Home," near Marion, has for a third of a century been noted for its hospitality. Few houses in the south have presented a better pic-ture of cultured country life. He was a leading Granger, is a prominent member of the Farmers' Alliance and a Democrat. His fame as an agricultural writer extends throughout the south.

Two other southern farmer congress men are L. F. Livingston, of Georgia, and the back woods. The fact is that a large John Curtis Kyle, of Mississippi. Colonel majority of the men who have made great Livingston and Jerry Simpson will probably be

rivals for leadership of the Farmers' Alliance contingent in the house. The Georgia member is a great a talker that in the Ocala convention he was ac cused of taking up all the time, and he has been a farmer all his life.

L. F. LIVINGSTON. well known, but as he says himself be has one claim to dis tinction which must surely attract atten-tion—he was not in the Confederate army. He was reared on a farm, though now a lawyer, has a big head, with a good deal in it, and an eloquent pair of lips.

A man who will be heard of in the fu

ture is Congressman Johnson, of North Dakota. He is a lawyer now, but for several years lived in a sod "shack" on wild land to which his squatter sovereignty. Johnson is of Norwegian descent, a college Johnson man and was for school teacher. He

won a wide repu-J. C. KYLE. ago by "jumping on" Senator Reagan, of Texas, who was up in Dakota with a senate committee, and who said some things in a public

speech which Johnson hotly resented. This young congressman believes in free speech and frankness, and the man who walks on his toes will hear from him. He is a Republican, came near being the senator instead of the mumber from North Dakota, and is a living proof of the correctness of the proposition that a successful

politician can be JOHNSON, NORTH DAKOTA an earnest Christian and church member. A tall, lank statesman from the prairies is O. M. Kenn, of Broken Bow, Neb. He is the man who had the nerve to try to

overcome an opposition majority of gressional district. For twelve weeks he "hustled" day and night, and a daughter who was born to him durwas five weeks old ing the campaign He was elected by 6,000 majority in a district nearly as large as all New

O. M. KENN. England, and it is his proud boast that in

his camgaign he bought neither a cigar nor a glass of liquor. millionaire, comes from Penusylvania-Colonel George Huff, of Greensburg. As a boy he worked



nia railroad shops he is a director in two banks, a dozen mines, three or four railroads, gas and electric light companies, and pretty much everything else in his section of

has a magnificent President Harrison recently visited as Colonel Huff's guest. Mr. Huff proudly wears a medal which shows that he was one of the Old Guard of 306 which stood so long for Grant at Chicago. ROBERT GRAVES.

How a Painter Became a Banker. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—The father of J. Drexel, and the founder of the great Philadelphia banking house of Drexel & Co., and indirectly of the New York house of Drexel, Morgan & Co., was, in his youth, a portrait painter. Having conceived a sudden desire to go to South America to prosecute his art, he left Philadelphia against the earnest counsel of his friends and visited various capitals of the different republics. At the end of a year or more he returned to his native place with \$10,000, derived from taking the portraits of many dignitaries, and expressed his determina tion to set up a banking house with that amount. Again his friends tried to dissuade him, but to no purpose.

The house was established and so great was the faith in Drexel's honesty and capacity that a number of rich firms and corporations at once opened accounts with The result was that he made a deal of money and gained extraordinary credit. Very seldem has so important a business had so small a beginning. Instituting a bank on \$10,000 would seem today like building a great railroad with ten cents.

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Inhabitants of Caves. Among the animals in caves where Egyptian darkness ever dwells are blind crayfish, colorless, which in the water by torchlight look like white phantoms of their outdoor kind. Now and then in such places one comes across a common frog,

emaciated and seemingly discouraged, which has found its way, how, no one knows, to the Tartarcan realms. Also one discovers curious cave rats, of the same color as the domestic rats, but with longer bodies, like a weasel's, more developed whiskers and much bigger ears. Of bats there are multitudes in the caverns, as one might expect, inasmuch as they are creatures of darkness. Countless numbers of them frequent the black hollows of Mammoth and Luray. There were times in the past when these vast caves were the resorts of gigantic beasts, such as the megatherium, mylodon, megalonyx and other huge sloths, wiped out by the glacial epoch. With their bones are found

ose of extinct tapirs and peccaries.

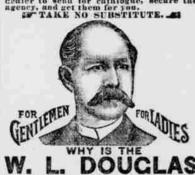
Washington Star. The First Naturalized Woman. Mrs. Elizabeth Cryer, mother of Dr. Matt H. Cryer, of Philadelphia, is believed to have been the first woman to demand naturalization papers in the United States. Dr. Cryer shows a certificate dated Feb. 14, 1857, which states that Mrs. Cryer had upon that date declared her intentions of becoming a citizen. The paper was made out at Omaha, Nebraska territory.—St. Louis Republic.

Her Stephusband. Our four-year-old son and heir was reently informed that his aunt, a widow had married again. A few days later, wishing to speak of the new uncle, but not knowing his name, he hesitated for a moment and then said, "You know, I mean Aunt Gertrude's stephusband."



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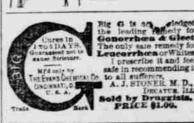
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devoted but carcless fathers, and the

matrons by husbands who refused to

shoulder the responsibility of paying for

facsimilies of their fair better bulves ---New York Advertiser. Didn't Know His Wife's Name. "Struck the funniest case of my life Sat-urday," said City Physician Hazzard, of Alleghany. "I am examiner for a life insurance company, and was making an examination of an oil producer living on North avenue. He was taking out a policy for \$10,000. He wanted to go out of town today and was in a hurry. The policy was in favor of his wife, and when asked to give her name he scratched his tead for awhile and then muttered: Toggoned if

J. D. HOUSE, Box 56, Albion, Mich. I know. I always call her Belle, but then "Well, though the man had been married eighteen years, he had to go home and make his wife write her name out on a card. I can't blame him for not remem bering it, though, for her full first name is

Anieceabel."-Pittsburg Dispatch. Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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